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Good Morning Chairman Vickrey and members of the Committee. My name is Mary Blubaugh, Executive Administrator for the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN). I am providing written testimony in support of HB 2118.

The current KSBN statutes allow Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses to hold an inactive license, but an inactive license is not available for APRNs. The proposed changes will give statutory authority to the APRNs for an inactive license and be exempt from Health Care Stabilization Fund if they are not practicing in Kansas.

At the December KSBN board meeting, the Board Members had the opportunity to review language of this bill and voted to support HB 2118.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.